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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2615  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
AMEMBASSY SUVA

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SUVA FOR RICHARD IMUS AND CLARENCE GULICK

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN SUGGESTION ON RENOVATING AMERICAN VESSEL

REF: 76 WELLINGTON 1667

1. DURING JANUARY 20 CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICER,  
WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR SOLTSMANN SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT  
AMERICAN SHIP TO BE PROVIDED WESTERN SAMOA/SOUTH PACIFIC  
FORUM LINE MIGHT BE RENOVATED BY EUROPEAN ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY AID FUND FOR SOUTH PACIFIC. EEC FUND OF \$10  
MILLION OVER THREE YEARS WAS BEING ADMINISTERED FROM SUVA.  
SOLTSMANN REASONED THAT AS VARIOUS ISLAND NATIONS (TONGA,  
WESTERN SAMOA, FIJI AND OTHERS) WOULD BENEFIT FROM SOUTH  
PACIFIC FORUM LINE, THEY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO APPROACH  
JOINTLY THE EEC FUND FOR THE \$200,000 TO \$700,000  
REQUIRED TO RENOVATE THE AMERICAN VESSEL.

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2. SOLTSMANN THOUGHT THAT DIRECT WEST GERMAN HELP TO  
RENOVATE THE SHIP WAS NOT A GOOD PROSPECT AT THIS TIME.  
REASONS WERE THAT WEST GERMANY HAD PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL  
PORTION OF EEC FUND FOR SOUTH PACIFIC AND GERMAN CABINET  
HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO FINANCE BILATERALLY FIVE PROJECTS  
IN EACH OF TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA TO BE SELECTED BY THOSE  
COUNTRIES. DELEGATION FROM BONN WOULD VISIT TONGA AND

WESTERN SAMOA IN MARCH TO FINALIZE ON THE GROUND  
APPROVAL OF AS MANY PROJECTS AS POSSIBLE. THOUGHT  
OCCURRED TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR THAT IF TONGA AND WESTERN  
SAMOA ELECTED TO DIVERT SOME OF BILATERAL GERMAN HELP  
TO RENOVATE AMERICAN SHIP THERE WOULD BE NO REASON  
FOR BONN TO OBJECT. BUT THAT METHOD MIGHT PRESENT  
DIFFICULTIES IN VIEW FACT THAT TWO COUNTRIES HAD ALREADY  
DECIDED ON ONE PROJECT THEY WANTED.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW APPARENT INABILITY OF USG TO FINANCE  
SHIP RENOVATION AND UNENTHUSIASM OF NEW ZEALAND FOR  
FINANCING THE PROJECT (CONVEYED TO IMUS/GULICK TEAM IN  
RECENT WELLINGTON TALKS), DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO EXPLORE  
POSSIBILITY OF AN APPROACH TO THE EEC FUND.  
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